



National Marine Fisheries Service
Highly Migratory Species Division
Southeast Fisheries Science Center
Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
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The 2000 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2000, and ends May 31, 2001.

As of September 30, 2000, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** 1,346,191 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 64% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 769,123 lbs dw remains to be landed through November 30, 2000.
- S** 8,646 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 1.0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 652,734 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2001.

As of September 30, 2000, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** No South Atlantic swordfish have been reported landed for the first semi-annual period. NMFS estimates that 637,129 lbs dw of South Atlantic swordfish remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.